

PLANT LIFE

We had a visit last week from F. Brander, head of Brander y Cia., Buenos Aires, our distributors for Argentina, and also Swedish consul. He was much impressed with our plant, took movies of the shop, of the new Type U-18 and of R. G.

Also we had a visit from Percy Chaplin, an executive of Gailey & Roberts, Ltd., our British East African distributors, who have six offices in Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika.

But regardless of Ray Peterson's remarks, no visit from any Eskimo distributor interested in the steel igloo which R. G. is setting just west of the advertising office. Windowless, with but one door—guess what it is. A dark room for our own brand new photograph dept. George Sommer, night hacksaws temporarily, is our photo dept. mgr. Joe Salvador took him up Sunday to get some aerial views of the plant.

R. G. can think of more silly ideas that turn out to be sensible. Who else would think of tipping over a water tank to make it a dark room? Or of putting handles on the roof of a house, so you could pick it up?

Considerable curiosity over who's to have the first house in Cradledump Colony, now under construction at the plant. Whoever gets it will certainly be justified in singing, "There's No Place Like Home."

Western Sales Manager Carl Danielson, who has just concluded a two-day sales meeting at Stockton, is due in Peoria before this issue comes off the press.

Salesmen attending the Stockton session were Art Bodenhamer, southwest; Joe Collins, central and northern California; Louis D. Le Tourneau and Clifford D. Taylor, Pacific Northwest; N. G. Livingston, government sales. They all went to the Charles Harney job in San Francisco to see the new U-18 Carryall (last week's front cover covered it) working. Also they visited other big jobs.

Stanley D. Means has succeeded J. H. Howell as eastern government sales representative, and is starting on a tour of 37 states that will occupy several months. Mrs. Means goes with him.

With the deer season closing some Stocktonian sends this casualty report: Bon Farnham, 2; Bill Farnham, 1; E. Tuttle, 0.

Inez Merrill, Stockton's paymaster, is on vacation.

Foreign Service Representative Harleth Nelson dropped J. W. a line from Nairobi, Kenya Colony, before heading 500 miles into Uganda to put three 8-yard Carryalls to work.

Bob Merchant has been transferred from the job of tool maker to that of tool designer, with a high stool and a drafting table in the No. 3 office.

Ray Gieszl, fresh out of Safety Scolds this week, says to all concerned to be on hand promptly at 5:45 p. m. next Friday for a reorganization meeting of the Safety Committee.

T. C. Peterson, night machinist, is on vacation this week.

Asst. Export Mgr. George W. Glenn reports 2 12-Yard Ys with duals front and rear ordered by Hy. Bergerat, Monneyer & Cie., Paris, France; also an 8-Yard. And 2 Ys with rear duals to Gough, Gough & Hamer, Ltd., Wellington, New Zealand.

Bill Green, Stockton, is delighted with the news that a group of boys on the Peoria night crew is getting together each morning for prayer and Scripture study. He suggests that "those in the Stockton plant who know the saving power of the Gospel" get a little better acquainted down here as "we are going to spend a long time together up there."

Bill offers this thought: Twenty or more men responding to a call for softball players (or basketball players) is news; the girls' softball team winning the Northern California championship is good news, but to him a bunch of Christians at Peoria getting together for Scripture study is real good news. Why? Because Scripture says: "Exercise thyself unto godliness. For bodily exercise is profitable for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise for the life that now is, and of that which is to come." (1 Tim. 4: 7, 8 R. V.)

Salesman O. D. Lee was married Wednesday of last week. Charming bride, reports Denn Burgess.

Hershel Witt, day welder, was married October 3. Joseph R. Neal, night lathes, married Ethel R. Bozarth October 5.

Wendell Richards, assistant on government sales, is to handle sales promotion also.

Salesmen T. O. McMahon and G. S. McKenty were in last week-end. T. O. dashed off Monday night on the trail of 20 8-yards.

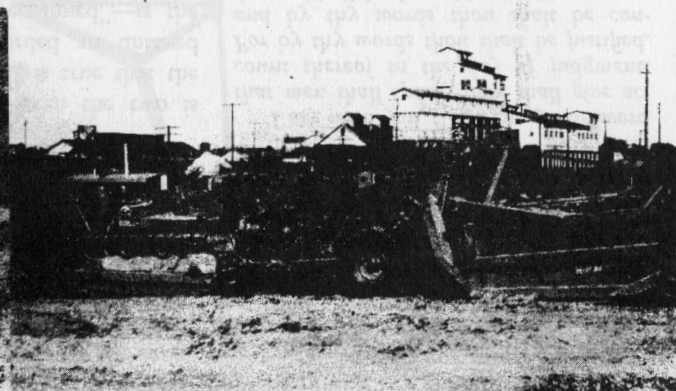
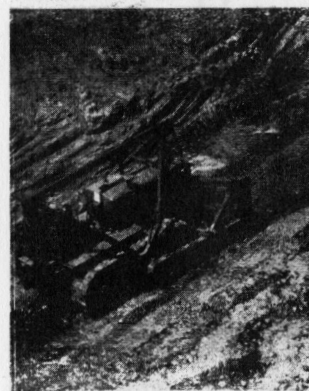
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Le Tourneau's Mine, But Don't Undermine



—Photos by K. F. PARK, GEORGE C. McNUTT.

Le Tourneau equipment is going in for quite a bit of open pit coal mining, but so far none of record has gone to work down a shaft. This Angledozer (all three photos are of the same machine) is cleaning off coal, after the bulk of the overburden has been stripped away, and building a roadway on the crest of the spoil bank for Sternberg Coal Corp., Booneville, Ind.

The 12-Yard Carryall is stripping for Moffat Coal Co. at Sparta.

Inside is a story about a coal mine that has been burning for 51 years.

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PEORIA, ILLINOIS

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Coal Mine Fire Burning 51 Years

"In 1885 a mob of miners, maddened by labor grievances in the coal fields of southeastern Ohio, filled a mine-car with coal, doused it thoroughly with kerosene, ignited it, started it down the tracks of an inclined shaft in which, at the end of its run, it fired the unmined coal. That fire, started on the property of Columbus' Hocking Coal & Mine Co., has burned on underground ever since. By last week it had burned a subterranean area of twelve square miles.

"Smoke pours from long, jagged fissures, or 'chimneys' which have opened in the farm land of Perry and Hocking Counties, the home of 5,000 people. In places the 51-year-old fire has pierced above ground, burning buildings, destroying valuable timber, causing some deaths. Property values in the towns of New Straitsville and Shawnee and environs have dropped because of smoke and noxious gases. Roadways have sunk as much as five feet . . . Miners in nearby active workings have been asphyxiated by carbon monoxide seeping through from the fiery shaft . . . Twelve million tons of coal have been destroyed, and 28,000,000 more lie along the paths of the fire's slow advance . . ."—*Time*.

One act of violence is the cause of all this destruction, of the distress and desolation accompanying it. Similarly, by one man's act of disobedience sin entered into the world, and death by sin. The fire, burning its slow but relentless paths of destruction unseen, breaking forth into open conflagration in this spot and that, illustrates the operation of sin in the whole human race and in the heart of every sinner. In the human race sin has burned an uninterrupted path from Adam down to today—"Death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

Some sinners appear outwardly like very righteous persons. Only an act here and there betrays the burning of sin inside. And some show practically no evi-

dence of sin through the covering of good deeds that they wear. Yet to God, who looks not on the outward appearance but on the heart, all their "righteousnesses are as filthy rags," and their hearts are "deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." For all their apparent goodness, it is the same identical sinful nature that in men of other environment, other recent parentage, breaks forth in murder, arson, theft, lying, blasphemy and a thousand other crimes.

"Attempts have been made," says *Time* regarding the Ohio mine fire, "to head off the fire by sinking cement walls, by forcing steam underground, by diverting a creek into the shaft. All failed."

Attempts have been made to halt sin by reform, by education, by drastic law enforcement. All have failed.

WPA officials have started work now under a \$360,000 appropriation to stop the mine fire by laying down massive barricades of non-inflammable material that, it is claimed, will confine it to its present limits, where it will eventually burn itself out. God has a plan—perfected before the foundation of the world—for halting and eradicating sin.

In the sinner He implants a new nature containing nothing on which sin may feed. That is the nature of God Himself, imparted through the Lord Jesus Christ laying down His spotless life as the bearer of all the sinner's sins; the sinner who accepts Him as Saviour "being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:23).

One Thing to do With Bible

Commenting on the numerous translations of the Bible, the revisions, the arguments over the revisions, the minute studies of the texts, the discussions of authenticity and inspiration, and so on, Professor Richard G. Moulton, late Bible scholar said:

"There is yet one thing left to do with the Bible; simply to read it."

Wins Prize For Naming Most Horrible Sin

As a publicity stunt, says *News Week*, Lewelynn A. Crown, pastor of Union Avenue Christian Church, Litchfield, Illinois, asked parishioners to name the most horrible sin in the world, offering a prize to the one who sent in the name nearest to the one he thought the worst.

The prize went to a middle-aged widow, Mrs. Lizzie Largent, for the answer: "Rejection of Jesus." This, said the pastor, was the nearest to his own idea: "The abuse of high privilege."

The connection between the two is hardly obvious. Yet it is true that the highest privilege accorded an unsaved sinner—and "all have sinned"—is the privilege of accepting the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as Saviour. Acceptance of Him brings salvation, pardon, justification, eternal life, peace, joy and innumerable other blessings.

Rejection of Him is not alone the greatest sin against God, Who gave Him to bear away the sin of the world, but also the greatest sin against the sinner's own soul, for "he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

"All have sinned," but "God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." (Romans 5:12, John 3:17). He, as the sin-bearer, died on Calvary's cross for your sins. So now "if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9).

President's Voice Used To "Prove Broken Pledge"

Last Saturday night Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (Republican, Michigan) broadcast a political talk over the CBS network in which he employed the recorded voice of President Roosevelt to prove, as he claimed, a broken pledge. Whatever the merits or demerits of his charges, the incident calls to mind that God has a record of every word that men speak.

When the Lord Jesus Christ was on earth He spoke of that record in these solemn words:

"I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matthew 12:36, 37).

As by nature "there is none righteous, no not one . . . their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips; whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness," how then can the unsaved sinner speak one word that will not condemn him in the day of judgment?

Yet there is a word that will justify him, and "the word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:8, 9).

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"Behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation."—2 Corinthians 6:2.

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